

# Firefighting Plan Won't Be Forced on Torrance



## City Receives Co. Promise

TORRANCE — Fire Chief J. J. Benner was assured this week by Supervisor Burton Chace that proposed consolidation of city-county fire fighting services will not be "jammed down the city's throat."

Chace's statement came during discussion of a plan whereby the 73 incorporated cities within Los Angeles County would turn their firefighting responsibility over to the county.

Consolidation of not only fire services but other governmental functions as well is being considered.

"A great deal of study has gone into this matter over the years," Chace told the board. "We have always looked to elected officials of the cities to initiate such request for county services."

"It is my feeling that any program for consolidation of fire or other municipal-type services must, of course, be self-supporting so as not to create an additional burden for the taxpayer."

"But we should not make any solicitation or offer of such service. I am not going to 'jam it down their throats' either now or later," Chace said.

The issue of consolidation, although not on the agenda as such, arose when Supervisor Ernest Debs sought permission for two county fire companies in his district to assist the City of Los Angeles in Sunset Strip area fires.

The proposal was referred to L. S. Hollinger, chief administrative officer, for study.



**NO MORE DISCRIMINATION**, promise Mrs. Clara Conners (left), postmaster, and Mrs. Margaret Ann Brown, first woman mail carrier in Torrance and in the state. Mrs. Brown, mother of two, has been with the post office for a week and is starting out as a substitute for absent mailmen.

## Police Facility Opens

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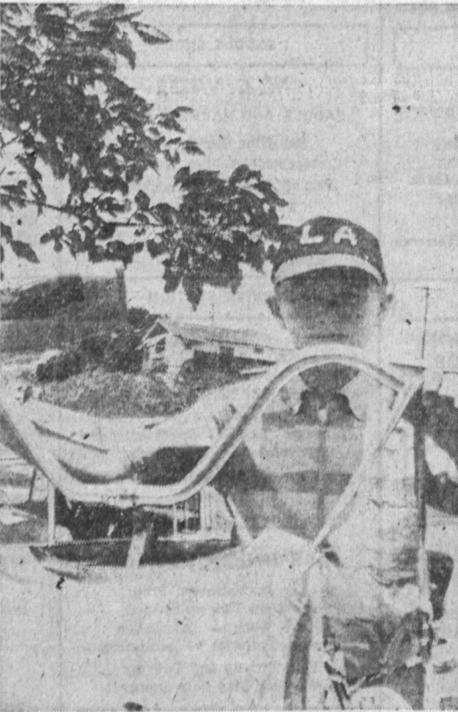
A commentary by Councilman Gibson will precede the dedication address. He also will present representative community leaders.

Police Commission President Kenney will respond in accepting the symbolic key and will present other Commission members: Vice President Everette M. Porter and Commissioners Francisco Bravo, M.D., John Ferraro and Michael Kohn; Chief of Police William H. Parker, Deputy Chiefs Richard Simon, Robert A. Houghton, Thad F. Brown, Roger E. Murdock, Noel A. McQuown, Thomas Reddin and Harold W. Sullivan, Inspector James Eisk and Station Commander Labrow.

Capt. Labrow and his staff will host an open house at the station today from 1 to 5 p.m. The station is expected to open for business on Aug. 8.

Nearly 200 men will work out of the two-story station which will house, in addition to the conventional services, a segregated women's quarters and a complete juvenile unit. The station has about 32,000 square feet of working space, ample parking areas for personnel and the public, and automobile garage and maintenance facilities.

**PAMPARED POOCH** gets some special attention from Glenn Summers, superintendent of SPCA Shelter in Hawthorne. Torrance dog owners now are being serviced at Hawthorne location, 12910 Yukon Ave. Current drive is to license 8500 Torrance dogs. (See story on Page 1). (Press Photo)



**CARRIER OF MONTH** displays award-winning technique which brought him honors as top Torrance Press deliveryboy. He is Stephen Edmonds, 12, of 5608 Palos Verdes Blvd. Award for August was presented by Larry Robinson, Press circulation manager.—Press Photo

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## Laugh Musical Begins L.A. Run

Commencing next week, "Irma La Douce," that racy, riotous musical romp which ran rampant four years in Paris, three years in London and 66 weeks in New York, will give two nightly performances on Friday and Saturday, notably 7 and 9:45 p.m., at the Biltmore Theatre.

Other evening performances will be at 8:30, and the usual matinees will be eliminated.

Taina Elg, screen actress who clicked in "Les Girls," Denis Quilley and Joseph Bova are starred in a distinguished cast, staged by Peter Brook.

"Irma La Douce" garnered unanimous acclaim from the Los Angeles critics.

"Spicy musical... hilarious," ecstatically exclaimed George Jackson of the Herald Examiner, while John Scott of the Times hailed it as "a raffishly funny musical."

"Although 'Irma La Douce' is in English, and only in English, it is set in the backstreets of that gayest sector of Paris, Montmartre, the world of Jean Gabin and Edith Piaf, with its small-time crooks and good time cocottes, living out their lives in shabby bars to the accompaniment of atmospheric accordion waltzes."

Marguerite Monnot's enchanting musical score was especially cited by the Los Angeles critics.

## Council Okays Overpass Plan

Parents of Crenshaw School children were promised by the City Council Tuesday that the city would pay its portion of placing an overpass on Crenshaw north of 190th St.

The motion promising city participation was made by Councilman Nick Drale.

Drale made the move after a spokesman for the Crenshaw parents appeared before the council. The speaker was Ben Hatfield, a deputy sheriff at the Lennox Station.

Hatfield spoke to the council as a parent, and not in his official capacity as a law enforcement officer.

He pointed out that there are 2200 school crossings during the regular school year, and 500 during the summer.

Hatfield also claimed that two children had been struck by hit-and-run trucks. He said that he doubted the truckers realized that they had hit the youngster and just traveled down the road.

The spokesman reported the Crenshaw parents have sent letters to the city, schools and county.

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## Airport Days Fete Gets Final Touches

Appointment of two additional sub-committee chairmen has been announced by Glenn H. Child, chairman of Torrance Airport Days committee.

Frank Compton, representing Air Museum, will head the Military Classic Aircraft committee and Gene Burgett will direct activities of the Air Rides committee.

Both sub-committees come under the direction of E. G. Kidwell, chairman of the exhibits committee.

Outlining part of their respective programs, Compton said he will provide operational military aircraft produced during the 1932-44 era, including fighters and bombers, and Burgett said he will invite fixed based operators at Torrance Municipal Airport to join together in providing air rides for the general public at the annual Airport Days celebration, Sept. 29 and 30.

The Beech, Bellanca, Cessna and Piper companies plan to display their latest model aircraft at the event, Chairman Child reported.

An additional taste of the past will be present in a display of World War I type aircraft by Frank Tallman, Jack Egan, chairman of the facilities disclosed.

Aviators as well as the general public will be invited to attend a "Fly-In Break-

photographic displays depicting the various aviation and space products manufactured in Torrance and the South Bay area.

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